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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows: /

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 10 in its entirety and without prejudice.

Please amend claim 11 as follows, a marked-up copy of this claim is attached:

Claim 11 (Amended) The process for preparing a branched polyolefin as claimed in claim 12, wherein the polymerization is carried out continuously under at least two different polymerization conditions, and the polymerization includes

polymerization conducted under such condition that the yield of a polymer produced by the transition metal compound (B)